

**Red Army Organization
1918-1921**

Cavalry: The Prikaz of 3 August 1918 laid down the organization of cavalry divisions in the Red Army. They were to consist of three cavalry brigades and one horse artillery "division" of four horse batteries. The strength of a division was to be 7,653 officers and men, and 8,469 horses. The 3 August 1918 Prikaz also directed that cavalry regiments belonging to the cavalry divisions were to each have 1,105 officers and men and 1,203 horses organized into four squadrons. Each squadron contained 210 officers and men and 221 horses, plus a regimental machine gun section of four machine guns.

Independent cavalry regiments were slightly stronger, having 1,152 officers and men, and 1,247 horses. The organization of these regiments were reorganized in July 1919 and each regiment was restructured with five squadrons, four cavalry and one machine gun squadron. Each squadron had 176 men and 193 horses and the machine gun squadron had 20 machine guns.

In January 1919 a "Technical" squadron was added to the divisional establishment. By mid-1919 the strength of a cavalry division had increased to 9,499 officers and men, and 10,210 horses. However, in July 1919 the strength of the horse artillery "division" was reduced from four to three batteries.

The strength of the cavalry brigades, two regiments each, varied until February 1919. At this time it was fixed at 2,603 officers and men, and 2,839 horses, plus a four gun horse battery.

A cavalry regiment was attached to each rifle division and contained 872 officers and men, and 947 horses formed into four squadrons. In November 1918 the regiments were increased to eight squadrons organized into four divisions (half regiments), each of which had two squadrons. In July 1919 these regiments reverted to the old four squadron organization

Infantry: The infantry of the old Tsarist army was organized into line infantry divisions or elite rifle divisions. In order to capitalize on the sense of "eliteness" the Red Army designated all their infantry "strelitsi" (literally shooters) or riflemen. In keeping with this the Prikaz of 11 October 1918 directed that all infantry units were to be designated as "rifle" units. The Prikaz of 13 November 1918 established the organization of the rifle division. Each division would contain three rifle brigades, each brigade had three regiments, though some, i.e. the 41st and 44th Rifle Divisions, had four. Each rifle regiment had three rifle battalions, giving the division a strength of 9 rifle regiments with 27 rifle battalions.

Each division had an artillery brigade formed with three light artillery battalions, one heavy battalion, and one mortar-howitzer battalion. The division was also allocated a four squadron cavalry regiment and an engineer battalion.

The size and strength of the Red Army rifle divisions was so large that it was more properly an army corps. In theory they should each have 1,657 officers, 56,668 men, 24,338 horses, 116 artillery pieces, and 382 machine guns.

Each rifle brigade contained 11,000 officers and men, plus an artillery battalion of 14 guns, 8 howitzers and 18 mortars. It also had a sapper company with 361 officers and men. This organization of three rifle brigades in a division was abolished in 1924.

The rifle regiments each had 106 officers and 3,581 men with 36 machine guns and 6 mortars. The regiments had three battalions, each with three companies.

Of course, theory is nice and in the practical structure on the field, the Red Army divisions never got close to this theoretical structure. This becoming obvious, in 1919 the theoretical structure was reduced by 35%. Even so, divisions rarely reached more than 8,000 men and the rifle regiments generally fielded 400 to 1,000 men.

Aviation: The Prikaz of 18 May 1918 established the organization of the Soviet air force. Each *Avia Otryady*, or squadron, was to contain 6 aircraft. Two of these *Avia Otryady*, one fighter and one observation, were organized into a group, or *Avia-Gruppa*.

Voyenizirovannaya Okhrana (VOkhr) This was a paramilitary organization organized on 29 May 1919 and, in theory, reached a strength of 35 brigades containing 105,000 men.

Voyska Vnutrenny Sluzhbi (VNUS) - Internal security troops, they were formed on 1 September 1920. They reached a strength of 360,000 men formed in 14 divisions and 18 brigades.

The Red Army copied the Tsarist army's system of numbering units, which had then numbered consecutively. As a result, the 1st Division would contain the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades, the 2nd Division would contain the 4th, 5th, and 6th Brigades, etc. The 1st Brigade would contain the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Regiments, while the 2nd Brigade would contain the 4th, 5th and 6th Regiments.

Fronts & Armies: The Red Army evolved solely after the Bolshevik seizure of power in November 1917. By the summer of 1918, however, it began to assume a structure that would be familiar in the west, with corps, armies and fronts. The Eastern Front was organized on 13 June 1918 to coordinate the actions of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Red Armies. The Northern (6th & 7th Armies) and Southern Fronts (8th, 9th and 10th Armies) were organized on 11 September 1918. The forces facing the Germans and Austro-Hungarian armies were grouped under the Western defense Army, also formed on 11 September. It would become the Independent Western Army on 15 November 1918, and was raised to "Front" status on 19 February 1919 when it became the Western Front. The Northern Front headquarters was abolished on 19 February 1919 and the 6th Army became independent. Thus, the 7th Red Army (facing Estonia) and the Latvian Army and Lithuanian-Belorussian Armies came under the Western Front. The Latvian Army was renamed the 15th Army on 31 May 1919 and the Lithuanian Belorussian Army became the 16th Army on 9 June 1919.

The "Ukrainian Front" was established to control the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Ukrainian Armies, but it was disbanded on 4 June 1919

after Denikin advanced into the Ukraine from the Donbass and Crimea. The 1st and 3rd Ukrainian Armies merged to become the 12th Army, which was assigned to the Western Front and the 2nd Ukrainian Army became the 14th Army, which was assigned to the Southern Front.

As Denikin's White Guard Armies advanced through the Ukraine further changes occurred. The 9th and 10th Armies were detached from the Southern Front on 27 September and placed under the new Southeast Front on 1 October 1919. The 11th Army was added to the Southeast Front on 16 October 1919.

On the Eastern Front the 1st and 4th Armies joined to become the 11th Army in Astrakhan under the new Turkestan Front on 15 September 1919. They pursued the war in central Asia and around the Caspian.

The defeat and withdrawal of Denikin's army resulted in further changes. The Southern Front became the Southwest Front (12th, 13th, and 14th Armies) on 10 January 1920 and the 8th Army was reassigned to the Southeast Front, which became the Caucasus Front (8th, 9th, 10th and 11th Armies) on 16 January 1920.

The defeat of Kolchak's White Guard Armies in Siberia allowed the disbanding of the Eastern Front headquarters on 15 January 1920. The 5th Army remained in Siberia as an independent army. As the various anti-Bolshevik forces were eliminated the number of armies diminished as some stood down and others were converted into "labor" armies. The 6th Army in the far north (Arkhangle & Murmansk) ceased operations on 15 April 1920 and its forces were reassigned. The 2nd Army headquarters was withdrawn from the front in July 1919 and the 8th Army headquarters became the 8th Army of the Caucasus.

The 1st Cavalry Army was formed from Budyenni's Cavalry Corps on 17 November.

To conduct the campaign against Poland, the Western Front was assigned the new 3rd and 4th Army Headquarters, and the divisions were brought from inactive or relatively inactive fronts to form these two new armies. The Western Front now consisted of the 3rd, 4th, 15th and 16th Armies. The 7th Army, in Petrograd, was released from the Western Front command on 10 May 1920 to operate independently. The Southwest Front contained the 12th and 14th Armies, facing the Poles, and the 13th Army, facing Wrangel's White Guard Army in the Crimea. Wrangel's success in July and August 1920 led to the establishment of a new Southern Front headquarters on 21 September 1920 and the 13th Army and the 6th Army headquarters were transferred to it.

The end of the Polish-Soviet War and the civil war led to the disbanding of the various Front commands. The South Front was disbanded on 10 December 1920, the Southwest Front on 31 December 1920, the Caucasus Front on 29 May 1921 and the Western Front on 18 April 1921. The independent armies also ceased being "independent" with the 7th Army losing this status on 10 May 1921 and the 5th Army on 6 September 1922.

The following list of cavalry and rifle divisions is based on the lists published in Volume 2 of "Tsentralni Gosudarstvenni Arkhiv Sovetskoi Armii - Putevoditel " (Central State Archive of the Soviet Army - A guide), pages 429-449, East view Publications, 1993.

Rifle Divisions:

1st Rifle Division: (formerly staff of the Mezhdvyezherного rayon)

7th Army: 2 November 1918 to 6 August 1919
6th Army: August 1919 to 15 April 1920
7th Army: 15 April to 30 July 1920
13th Army: 3 August to 7 September 1920
6th Army: 15 October to 28 November 1920

2nd "Tulskaya" (Tula) Rifle Division: (2nd Belorussian Division)

5th Army: 28 April to 15 May 1919
Turkestan'skaya Army: 19 May to 16 June 1919
7th Army: 6-12 December 1919
15th Army: 13 December 1919 to 6 January 1920
7th Army: 6 January to 30 May 1920
16th Army: 25 June to 12 July 1920
16th Army: 18 July - 25 August 1920
15th Army: 26 August - 8 October 1920
16th Army: 14-31 October 1920
3rd Army: 31 October to 12 December 1920
16th Army: 12 December 1920 to 15 May 1921

3rd Rifle Division: (former 2nd Moskovskaya Infantry Division, later 3rd Krim'skaya (Crimea), 3rd Kazanskaya, and 3rd Rifle Division)z

13th Army: 8 July 1919 to 16 October 1920
2nd Cavalry Army: 15-30 October 1920
4th Army: 22 October 1920-24 April 1921

4th "Smolenskaya" Rifle Division: (Formerly the Pskov'skaya [Pskov], then Litov'skaya [Lithuanian], then Smolenskaya [Smolensk] Rifle Division).

16th Army: 11 November 1918-25 May 1919
15th Army: 24 May-8 June 1919 (as Litov'skaya Division)
16th Army: 8 June 1919-3 September 1920
4th Army: 22 September-18 October 1920
16th Army: 18 October-15 May 1921

5th Rifle Divisions: (Formerly 2nd Penzenskaya, later 5th Staratov'skaya [Saratov], 5th Vitebskaya [Vitebsk] Rifle Division.)

1st Army: 24 February-31 March 1919
2nd Army: 1 April-22 June 1919
5th Army: 21 July-12 November 1919

15th Army: 9 May-3 July 1920
3rd Army: 12 June-20 July 1920
15th Army: 20-25 July 1920
3rd Army: 25 July-12 December 1920
16th Army: 12 December 1920-15 May 1921

6th Rifle Division: (later Orlovskaya Rifle Division)

7th Army: 30 November 1918-2 May 1920
15th Army: 2 May-29 June 1920
16th Army: 12-20 December 1920
16th Army: 31 December 1920-6 March 1921

7th "Vladimirskaya" Rifle Division: (later 7th Chernigovskaya Rifle Division.)

2nd Army: 1 February-1 July 1919
13th Army: 1 August-19 September 1919
14th Army: 19 September-29 November 1919
12th Army: 25 February-25 December 1920

8 "Minskaya" Rifle Division:

16th Army: 18 December 1918-15 May 1921

19th Rifle Division: (Former 1st "Kruskaya", later 1st Kavkazskaya")

8th Army: 3 October 1918-30 January 1919
13th Army: 26 March 1919-15 December 1919
1st Cavalry Army: 15 December 1919-24 January 1920
8th Army: 24 January-10 April 1920
9th Army: 7 April-8 July 1920
9th Army: 26 August-12 September 1920
13th Army: 27 September-5 November 1920
4th Army: 2 November-22 December 1920
9th Army: 17 December 1920-21 February 1921
11th Army: 12 February-29 May 1921 (as 1st Kavazskaya)
6th Army: 29 May-October 1921

10th "Tambovskaya [Tambov] Rifle Division:

7th Army: formation to 24 November 1918
Estlandskaya Army: 10 April-2 June 1919
15th Army: 9 June-5 September 1919
7th Army: 5 September 1919-16 April 1920
7th Army: 1 February-29 July 1920
14th Army: 28 October 1919-5 January 1920
15th Army: 10 March-20 September 1920
4th Army: 21 September-18 October 1920
16th Army: 18 October 1920-28 January 1921

11th Rifle Division: (formerly 1st Nizhegorodskaya Rifle)

9th Army: 18 December 1918-21 January 1919 (disbanded & merged into 11th "Petrogradskaya" Rifle Division)

11th "Petrogradskaya" Rifle Division: (formerly 4th "Petrogradskaya")

5th Army: 28 September 1918-15 January 1919 as 4th
"Petrogradskaya" Rifle Division

9th Army: 21 January-13 February 1919

Estlayndskaya Army: 10 April-25 May 1919

15th Army: 25 May 191-2 October 1920

15th Army: 8 October-17 December 1920

7th Army: 20 March-6 April 1921

12th Rifle Division: (formerly 1st Voronezhskaya)

8th Army: 3 October 1918-7 February 1920

9th Army: 7 February-24 March 1920

15th Army: 11 May-26 June 1920

4th Army: 27 June-30 August 1920

7th Army: 11 September-24 October 1920

14th Army: 11 November-31 December 1920

13th "Kazanskaya" Rifle Division:

8th Army: 3 October 1918-24 November 1919

9th Army: 12-15 February 1920

9th Army: 12 February-15 February 1920

8th Army: 16 February-15 March 1920

7th Army: 12 June-25 September 1920

6th Army: 22 September-22 October 1920

14th Rifle Division "I.M.Stepina."

9th Army: 14 October 1918-10 April 1920

10th Army: 19 June-6 July 1920

9th Army: 31 August 1920-11 January 1921

11th Army: 13 January-3 March 1921

10th Army: 13 March - 11 May 1921

6th Army: 29 May - October 1921

15th Rifle Division: (initially "Inzenskaya" then "Sivashskaya")

1st Army: 30 June-4 December (Inzenskaya Revolutsionnaya Rifle
Div.)

9th Army: 21 October 1918-5 May 1919

8th Army: 4 January 1919-10 April 1920

13th Army: 23 May-7 September 1920

6th Army: 18 September-18 May 1921

16 Rifle Division "I.M.Kikvidze" (later 16th Simbriskaya)

9th Army: 14 October 1918 - 30 May 1919

8th Army: 30 May 1919-10 April 1920

10th Army: 10 April-5 May 1920

15th Army: 3 June-8 October 1920

16th Army: 8-31 October 1920

3rd Army: 31 October-10 November 1920

16th Army: 10 November 1920-15 May 1921

17th Rifle Division: (later 17th "Nizhegorodskaya")
16th Army: 15 November 1918-6 September 1919
15th Army: 6-28 September 1919
16th Army: 28 September 1919-7 October 1920
4th Army: 2-7 October 1920
4th Army: 12-18 October 1920
15th Army: 8-26 October 1920
16th Army: 26 October 1920-15 May 1921

18th Rifle Division: (later 18th "Yaroslavskaya")

6th Army: 26 November 1918-15 May 1919
7th Army: 15 April-15 May 1919
15th Army: 7 May-3 July 1920
4th Army: 3 July-30 August 1920
3rd Army: 2-7 October 1920
15th Army: 8 October-4 November 1920
11th Army: 18 December 1920-27 May 1921
9th Army: 7 November-15 December 1920

19th Rifle Division:

7th Army: 8 November-29 December 1918 (as Olonetzskaya Gruppya)
7th Army: 7 July-30 August 1919 (as Olonetzskaya Gruppya)
7th Army: 1 June 1919-3 May 1920 (as Puzhski Boevoi Uchastok [sector])
15th Army: 2 October 1919-6 January 1920 (as Luzhskii Boevoi Uchastok)

See 55th Rifle Division

20th Rifle "Penzenskaya [Penza] Rifle Division: (formerly 1st Penzenskaya")

1st Army: 8 July 1918-10 January 1919
1st Army: 1 March-10 October 1919
10th Army: October 1919-10 April 1920
1st Cavalry Army: 18 February-3 March 1920
11th Army: 12 April 1920-29 May 1921 (received title "Kavkazskaya")
6th Army: 29 May-October 1921

20th Rifle Division: (formerly 1st Mogilevskaya [Mogilev] Rifle Division (same division as "Penzskaya" Division)

1st Army: 10 January-1 April 1920

21st Rifle Division: (formerly 5th Uralsky, later 21st Permskaya [Perm])

3rd Army: 6 September-29 December 1918 (as 5th Uralsky)
2nd Army: 6 January-16 July 1919
3rd Army: 22 July-9 September 1919
9th Army: 8 October 1919-30 March 1920
15th Army: 9 December 1919-24 May 1920
16th Army: 24 May-9 June 1920
3rd Army: June-November 1920
15th Army: 22 November-7 December 1920

22nd Rifle Division: (Formerly 2nd "Mikolaevskaya", and 40th Nikolaevskaya")

4th Army: 22 September 1918-23 September 1919

9th Army: 19 September 1919-25 June 1921 (received honorary title "Krasnodarskaya")

23rd Rifle Division: (later 3rd Krazanskaya)

9th Army: 10 October 1919-25 April 1920

13th Army: 1 September-15 October 1920

24th "Simbirskaya Zheleznaya" Rifle Division: (formerly 1st Svodnana Simbirskaya ID, alter 24th Samarskaya Zheleznaya)

1st Army: 26 July 1918-3 January 1919

1st Army: 8 January-22 May 1919

Turkestan Army: 22 May-19 June 1919

5th Army: 19 June-5 August 1919

1st Army: 5 August-7 December 1919

9th Army: 2 January-26 March 1920

12th Army: 129 June-22 July 1920

1st Cavalry Army: 18 July-8 August 1920

12th Army: 8-29 October 1920

1st Cavalry Army: 19 September-25 September 1920

14th Army: 29 October-24 November 1920

12th Army: 24 November-25 December 1920

25th Rifle Division: (formerly Nikolaevskiki Polkov Division, 1st Nikolaevskaya & 1st Samarskaya)

4th Army: 30 July 1918-8 January 1919

1st Army: 8 January-12 March 1919

4th Army: 17 March-21 April 1919

5th Army: 21 April-25 May 1919

Turkestan Army: 15 May-16 June 1919

4th Army: 13 July 1919-16 May 1920

12th Army: 25 May-26 October 1920

14th Army: 26 October-1 November 1920

12th Army: 1 November-25 December 1920

26th "Zlatoustovskaya" Rifle Division:

5th Army: 3 November 1918-4 June 1920

5th Army: 5 May-8 September 1921

27th "Omskaya" Rifle Division:

5th Army: 3 November 1918-21 May 1920

7th Army: 20 March 1920-8 April 1922

16th Army: 25 June-25 August 1920

15th Army: 26 August-8 October 1920

16th Army: 8-31 October 1920

16th Army: 12 December 1920-19 March 1921

28th Rifle Division: (formerly 2nd Svodnaya,
28th "Tsartitsinskaya", 28th "Gorskaya")

2nd Army: 17 September 1918-16 July 1919
10th Army: 19 August 1919-10 April 1920
11th Army: 10 April 1920-14 May 1921
6th Army: 29 May-October 1921

29th Rifle Division: (1st & 2nd Uralskie Infantry Divisions, then
4th, 1st "Sibirskaya" and formerly 29th "Vyatskaya" Rifle Division)

3rd Army: 28 July 1918-15 January 1920
16th Army: 24 March-4 May 1920
15th Army: 6 May-10 June 1920
5th Army: 23 September 1920-15 July 1921z

30th Rifle Division: (Formerly Zapadnaya (west) Rifle Division,
4th Uralskaya and later 30th Irkutskaya")

3rd Army: 28 July 1918-25 November 1919
5th Army: 25 November 1919-16 October 1920
4th Army: 22 October 1920-24 April 1921

31st Rifle Division: (formerly Orenburgskaya, later
31st Turkestanskaya)

1st Army: 5 February- 5 March 1919
Turkestan Army: 17 March-16 June 1919
5th Army: 19 June-10 July 1919
8th Army: 18 July 1919-9 February 1920
9th Army: 17 September 1920-21 May 1921

32nd Rifle Division: (formerly 4th Rifle Division)

11th Army: 17 December 1918-13 February 1919 (as 4th RD)
10th Army: 30 January-26 March 1919 (as 4th RD)
10th Army: 26 March 1919-10 April 1920
11th Army: 10 April-October 1920
10th Army: 13 March-11 May 1921
6th Army: 29 May-June 1921

33rd "Kubanskaya" Rifle Division:

11th Army: 20 March-28 May 1919
8th Army: 10 June 1919-23 March 1920
9th Army: 28 March-16 April 1920
10th Army: 15 April-3 May 1920
9th Army: 3-14 May 1920
15th Army: June-November 1920
10th Army: 13 March-11 May 1921

34th Rifle Division:

11th Army: 20 March-28 June 1919
10th Army: 8 June-July 1919
11th Army: 14 August 1919-9 February 1920

10th Army: 11 February-7 April 1920
1st Cavalry Army: 18 February-7 April 1920
9th Army: 7 April 1920-13 May 1921
6th Army: May-June 1921

35th "Sibirskaya" Rifle Division:
5th Army: 2 June 1919-18 September 1921

36th Rifle Division: (Formerly Ekspeditsionaya Rifle Division,
2nd "Osobaya [Special] Rifle Division)

9th Army: 31 March-10 June 1919
9th Army: 1 July 1919-5 February 1920

37th Rifle Division: (formerly 1st Donskaya [Don] Rifle Division)

10th Army: 24 September 1918-6 February 1920

38th Rifle Division: (formerly 1st Morozovsko-Donetsk)

10th Army: October 1918-6 February 1920

39th Rifle Division: (formerly "Dono-Stavropolskaya")

10th Army: 27 November 1918-31 March 1920
11th Army: 31 March 1920-21 April 1920

39th Rifle Division:
5th Army: 14 March 1919-25 November 1920 (this appears to be
an error, as no such division was ever with
the 5th Army)

40th Rifle Division: (Formerly "Ekspeditsionaya", later
40th "Bogucharskaya" Rifle Division)

8th Army: 21 April-10 June 1919
8th Army: 1 July-12 October 1919
9th Army: 12-18 October 1919
8th Army: 18 October 1919-10 April 1920
10th Army: 10 April-12 May 1920
13th Army: 19 June-20 October 1920

40th Rifle Division: (Formerly 22nd Rifle Division Voisk VNUS)

5th Army: 2 March-13 June 1921

41st Rifle Division:
13th Army: 7 March-27 April 1919
14th Army: 25 July 1919-21 December 1920

42nd Rifle Division: (Formerly 4th Partisanskaya)
13th Army: 7 March 1919-7 March 1920
14th Army: 9-27 January 1920
13th Army: 25 June-18 November 1920
4th Army: 18 November 1920-12 March 1921

43rd Rifle Division:

7th Army: 6 August 1920-24 December 1920

43rd Rifle Division: (2nd formation)

7th Army: 24 December 1920-2 June 1921

44th Rifle Division: (later 44th Kievskaya)

12th Army: 16 June 1919-28 April 1920

14th Army: 1 May-13 June 1920

12th Army: 13 June-25 December 1920

Temporarily under 1st Cavalry Division 19-25 September 1920

45th Rifle Division: (later 45th "Vol'inskaya")

12th Army: 16 June-15 October 1919

7th Army: 1-16 November 1919

14th Army: 20 November 1919-7 March 1920

12th Army: 25 February-15 April 1920

14th Army: 18 April-13 June 1920

1st Cavalry Army: 22 June-16 August 1920

14th Army: 17 August-31 December 1920

46th Rifle Division: (Later 46th "Ekaterinoslavskaya")

12th Army: 16 June-2 August 1919

14th Army: 2 August 1919-12 January 1920

13th Army: 12 January-16 October 1920

2nd Cavalry Army: 15-31 October 1920

4th Army: 31 October-24 April 1921

47th Rifle Division: (Formerly Svodnaya [Composite] Rifle
Division)

12th Army: 26 September 1919-21 April 1920

14th Army: 9 June-29 July 1920

1st Cavalry Army: 30 June-16 August 1920

14th Army: 17 August-21 December 1920

48th Rifle Division: (formerly 1st "Tul'skaya", later
"Tverskaya")

15th Army: 15 January-3 July 1920

4th Army: 18 June-20 September 1920

16th Army: 25 August-31 December 1920

49th Rifle Division: (Formerly Orenburgskaya Krepostnaya
[Fortress] Division)

1st Army: 17 June-4 December 1919

4th Army: 4-31 December 1919

49th Rifle Division: (Formerly 20th Division Voisk VNUS)

11th Army: 12 January-21 April 1920

50th Rifle Division: (Formerly "Saratovskaya", later 50th
"Tamanskaya")

4th Army: 28 June-24 August 1919
11th Army: 25 August 1919-9 February 1920
10th Army: 11 February-17 April 1920
1st Cavalry Army: 18 February-7 April 1920
9th Army: 7 April-24 April 1920

51st Rifle Division: (later 51st "Perekopskaya")

3rd Army: 6 July-25 November 1919
5th Army: 25 November 1919-4 August 1920
13th Army: 6 August-7 September 1920
6th Army: 18 September-23 November 1920
4th Army: 23-28 November 1920
6th Army: 28 November 1920-18 May 1921

52nd Rifle Division: (Formerly Zapadnaya [West] Division,
later 52nd "Ekiaterinburgskaya")

16th Army: 20 November 1918-22 November 1919
14th Army: 20 November 1919-10 December 1920
8th Army: 10 December 1919-11 February 1920
9th Army: 11 February-16 March 1920
13th Army: 16 April-7 September 1920
6th Army: 18 September-23 November 1920
4th Army: 23-28 November 1920
6th Army: 28 November 1920-18 May 1921

53rd Rifle Division: (Formerly 2nd Pograchinaya [Border])

16th Army: 15 May-15 July 1919 (as 2nd Border)
15th Army: September 1919-2 July 1920
4th Army: 3 July-30 August 1920

54th Rifle Division:

6th Army: 7 August 1919-15 April 1920
7th Army: 15 April-4 June 1920
15th Army: 5 June-3 August 1920
4th Army: 3-30 August 1920

55th Rifle Division: (Formerly Svodnaya [Composite] Rifle
Division)

13th Army: 30 September-15 October 1919
7th Army: 20 November 1919-25 August 1920
16th Army: 25 August-12 September 1920
4th Army: 30 August-15 October 1920
14th Army: 12 November-21 December 1920 (ex-19th Rifle Division)

56th Rifle Division: (Formerly 5th Ukrainskaya, later
56th "Moskovskaya")

9th Army: 5 July-17 November 1919
7th Army: 20 November 1919-25 February 1920
15th Army: 15 April-10 June 1920
3rd Army: 12 June-8 September 1920
16th Army: 9 September-1 October 1920
3rd Army: 2-7 October 1920
15th Army: 8 October-7 December 1920

57th Rifle Division:

15th Army: 25 July-18 November 1919
12th Army: 25 -17 March 1920
16th Army: 17 March-14 June 1920
4th Army: 30 August-11 November 1920
16th Army: 18 November-30 November 1920

58th Rifle Division: (later 58th "Orlovskaya")

14th Army: 14th June-27 September 1919
12th Army: 27 September 1919-12 August 1920
12th Army: 18 August-1 December 1920
14th Army: 30 November-31 December 1920

59th Rifle Division: (formerly 1st Moskovaya Rabochnaya
[Moscow Workers'] Rifle Division)

8th Army: 14 January-12 July 1919 (as 1st Moscow Workers')
5th Army: 8 October-2 December 1919

60th Rifle Division: (formerly 6th Svodnaya [Composite])

14th Army: 25 July-14 August 1919
12th Army: 16 September 1919-13 February 1920
14th Army: 13 February-30 November 1920
12th Army: 30 November-25 December 1920

61st Rifle Division:

In reserve in Kozlov (Michurinsk) behind 8th Army, the Southern Front in October 1919; 1st Rifle brigade was assigned to the 8th Army, and the 2nd & 3rd Rifle brigades to the 13th Army during the course of 1919.

62nd Rifle Division: (formerly Krepostnaya [Fortress] Division)

3rd Army: 13 October-25 November 1919
5th Army: 20 December 1919-16 February 1920

1st Estonskaya [Estonian] Rifle Division:

Estlandskaya Army: 20 February-2 June 1919
15th Army: 9 June-15 October 1919
7th Army: 16 June-25 July 1919
14th Army: 5-25 October 1919
13th Army: 26 October 1919-12 January 1920
13th Army: 13 February-18 March 1920

Latvshskaya [Latvian] Rifle Division: (Formerly, 1st Rifle
Division, Army of Soviet Latvia)

15th Army: 12 January-8 September 1919
16th Army: 20-23 September 1919
13th Army: 8-13 October 1919
14th Army: 13 October 1919-6 March 1920
13th Army: 18 March-7 September 1920
6th Army: 18 September-23 November 1920
4th Army: 23-28 November 1920
6th Army: 28 November-11 December 1920

As the various military regions responded to the call from the Supreme Military Soviet to begin organizing field formations and to the need to combat the various White Guard, Nationalist, and other counter-revolutionary forces that opposed the Bolshevik rule, a large number of unnumbered units were organized. Many of these formations or units carried the regional name reflecting their origin and/or the front on which they would serve. Others bore honorific names. Many of them were very short lived or changed their names. Some, however, survived and were brought into the national numbering system. In the interests of simplicity these units are best listed by the "front" on which they served between 1918-1919. In 1920 and 1921 a few new units were raised and they are included.

WESTERN FRONT (FACING ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA & POLAND):

2nd Division of the Army of the Soviet Latvia

15th Army: 12 January-9 June 1919

2 Novgorodskaya Infantry Division:

7th Army: 1 November 1918-9 January 1919

2nd Petrogradskaya Infantry Division:

7th Army: 1-12 November 1918

Pskovskaya Infantry Division:

7 Army: 1-16 November 1918

EASTERN FRONT

1st Inzenskaya Revolutsionaya Division (later 15th RD)

1st Army: 30 June-4 December 1918

1st Novo-Uzenskaya Infantry Division:

4th Army: 30 July-30 September 1918

1st Orlovskaya Infantry Division

4th Army: 9-24 September 1918

1st Saratovskaya Infantry Division:

4th Army: 1-25 September

1st Smolenskaya Rifle Division:

5th Army: 7-21 September 1918

1st Svodnaya [Combined] Rifle Division:

2nd Army: 1 October-3 December 1918

2nd Svodnaya [Combined] Rifle Division:

2nd Army: 17 September 1918-16 July 1919

1st Uralskie Infantry Division:

3rd Army: 28 July 1918-15 July 1920 (used to form 29th RD)

2nd Uralskie Infantry Division:

3rd Army: 28 July 1918-15 January 1920 (used to form 29th RD)

1st Uralskaya Rifle Division:
4th Army: 30 July-25 November 1918

3rd Uralskaya Rifle Division:
3rd Army: 25 August-30 October 1918

4th Uralskaya Rifle Division:
3rd Army: 28 July 1918-25 November 1919 (became 30th RD)

4th Uralskaya Rifle Division:
3rd Army: 19-31 December 1918

5th Uralskaya Rifle Division:
3rd Army: 6 September-29 December 1918

Vol'skaya [Volga] Rifle Division
1st Army: 16-30 August 1918
1st Army: 14 September-13 October 1918
4th Army: 9 September-14 October 1919
(transferred to 10th Army, see Southeastern Front)

Vyatskaya Osobaya [Vyatka Special] Rifle Division:
2nd Army: 1 October-10 December 1918

divizya Osbogo Naznacheniya [Special Destination Division]:
3rd Army: 7-25 November 1919

Uralskaya Rifle Division
3rd Army: 31 October 1919-15 January 1920

1st Turkestantskaya Rifle Division:
1st Army: 26 October 1919-15 July 1920

2nd Turkestantskaya Rifle Division:
1st Army: 26 October 1919-1 January 1921

3rd Turkestantskaya Rifle Division:
1st Army: 20 December 1919-4 May 1921

SOUTHEAST FRONT

Kachalinskaya Rifle Division:
10th Army: 15 September-12 November 1918

Kamshinskaya Rifle Division:
10th Army: 4 October 1918-4 March 1919
6th Army: 3-8 April 1919

1st Kommunisticheskaya Rifle Division:
10th Army: 1 October 1918-30 January 1920

1st Kotelnikovskaya Rifle Division
10th Army: 1 October-9 November 1918

Kotlyubano-Buzinkovskaya Rifle Division:
10th Army: October-27 November 1918

Stalinaya Rifle Division:

10th Army: 12 October 1918-30 January 1919

1st Rifle Division

11th Army: 17 December 1918-13 February 1919

2nd Tamanskaya Infantry Division:

Sovetsko-Tamanskaya Army: 15 October-13 December 1918

2nd Rifle Division:

11th Army: 17 December 1918-13 February 1919

3rd Tamanskaya Rifle Division:

11th Army: 17 December 1918-13 February 1919

12th Army: 11 February-18 March 1919

1st Rifle Division (later 33rd Kuban Rifle Division)

12th Army: October 1918-March 1919

SOUTHERN FRONT

1st Bessarabskaya Rifle Division:

3rd Ukrainianskaya Sovetskaya Army: 22 May-16 June 1919

1st Donskaya Rifle Division:

10th Army: 24 September 1918-6 February 1918 (see 37th Rifle Division)

2nd Donskaya Rifle Division:

13th Army: 21 October-11 November 1920

Donetskaya Rifle Division:

13th Army: 8 March-1 April 1919

1st International'naya Rifle Division

3rd Ukrainianskaya Sovetskaya Army: 10 May-16 June 1919

1st Krimskaya Rifle Division: (later 58th Rifle Divisions:

Krimskaya Army: 5 May-14 June 1919

2nd Krimskaya Rifle Division:

Krimskaya Army: 5 May-14 June 1919

3rd Pogranichnaya (Border) Rifle Division:

1st Ukrainianskaya Sovetskaya Army: 15 April -16 June 1919

1st Ukrainianskaya Sovetskaya Rifle Division:

1st Ukrainianskaya Sovetskaya Army: 15 April-16 June 1919

12th Army: 16 June-15 April 1919

2nd Ukrainianskaya Sovetskaya Rifle Division:

1st Ukrainianskaya Sovetskaya Army: 15 April-16 June 1919

3rd Ukrainskaya Sovetskaya Rifle Division:
(Formerly Zadneprovskaya)

14th Army (2nd Ukrainskaya Sovetskaya) Army: 15 April-3 May 1919

5th Ukrainskaya Sovetskaya Rifle Division:

3rd Ukrainskaya Sovetskaya Army: 15 April-16 June 1919

8th Army: 30 May-5 July 1919

6th Ukrainskaya Rifle Division:

3rd Ukrainskaya Sovetskaya Army: 15 April-16 June 1919

7th Ukrainskaya Rifle Division:

14th (2nd Ukrainskaya Sovetskaya) Army: 15 April-3 May 1919

Uralskaya Rifle Division:

9th Army: 25 December 1918-5 February 1919

Vol'skaya [Volga] rifle Division:

10th Army: 22 October 1918-5 February 1919 (from 1st Army,
Eastern Front)

1920 DIVISIONAL UNITS

Azerbaidzhanskaya Svodnaya Rifle Division:

11th Army: 11 May-13 November 1920

2nd Donskaya Rifle Division: (Later 9th Don, then 38th RD)

13th Army: 21 October-11 November 1920

4th Army: 10 November 1920-13 January 1921

Exkpeditsionnaya Divizya Morskikh Sil Chernogo i Azovskogo Morei

13th Army: 21 October-12 November 1920

I.M. III Internatsionala Rifle Division:

5th Army: 29 January-30 May 1920

1st Moskovskaya Territorial'naya Rifle Division:

7th Army: 28 August-30 October 1920

Odtelnaya [Separate] Rifle Division VOKhR:

16th Army: 25 August-2 October 1920

3rd Army: 2 October-24 November 1920

12th Army: 12 November-25 December 1920

Svodnaya Svechnikova Division:

13th Army: 23-30 September 1920

Svodnaya Division: (former "Kurstantov")

4th Army: 22 October 1920-21 January 1921

Yeniseiskaya [Yenisei] Rifle Division:

5th Army: 30 January-25 February 1920

1921 DIVISION FORMATIONS

Svodnaya Rifle Division Yuzhnoi [Southern] Gruppa 7th Army
7th Army: 8-20 March 1921

CAVALRY DIVISIONS

Moskovskaya Cavalry Division (Later 1st Cavalry Division)
4th Army: 17 May-5 August 1919
11th Army: 25 August 1919-31 December 1920 (as 1st Cav Div)

2nd Orlovskaya Cavalry Division:
8th Army: 5 December 1918-19 May 7 1920

2nd Cavalry Division I.M.Blinova (Former Cav Div/9th Army,
later known as 5th Stavropolskaya CD)

9th Army: 17 November 1919-27 February 1920 (as Cav. Div./
9th Army)
10th Army: 27 February-17 April 1920
1st Cavalry Army: 3-31 March 1920
1st Cavalry Army: 18 April-23 May 1920
13th Army: 23 May-16 July 1920
2nd Cavalry Army: 15 July-23 November 1920
1st Cavalry Army: 31 May 1921-13 October 1923

3rd Cavalry Division: (Later 3rd Turkestanskaya Cavalry Div.)
1st Army: 16 June 1919-25 September 1921

4th Cavalry Division: (Formerly Svodnaya Cav Div, later
4th "Petrogradskaya" Cavalry Division)

10th Army: 28 November 1918-19 November 1919
1st Cavalry Army: 19 November 1919-29 August 1923

5th Kubanskaya Cavalry Division:
5th Army: 10 June 1921-21 June 1922

6th Cavalry Division: (Former 1st Cav Div, later
6th "Chongradskaya")
10th Army: 26 March-July 1919
1st Cavalry Army: 17 September 1919-13 October 1923

7th "Samaruskaya" Cavalry Division
10th Army: 8 June-August 1919
11th Army: 14 August 1919-26 August 1920
9th Army: 31 August-19 September 1920
4th Army: 2 September 1920-1921
13th Army: 27 September-5 November 1920
6th Army: 29 November-5 December 1920

7th Cavalry Division: (Formerly Osobaya Kavkazskaya
[Special Caucasus] Cavalry Division)

11th Army: 20 March-28 June 1919

8th "Chervonnogo Kazachestva" Cavalry Division: (Former
1st Zaparozhskaya Chervonnogo Kazachestva Cavalry
Division)

14th Army: 4 September 1919-12 January 1920

13th Army: 12 January-18 May 1920

14th Army: 18 May-2 August 1920

1st Cavalry Army: 2-14 August 1920

14th Army: 14 August-10 September 1920

12th Army: 10-16 October 1920

14th Army: 16 October-31 December 1920

9th Cavalry Division: (Former Donskaya Sov. Cavalry Division,
Later 9th "Krimskaya")

1st Cavalry Army: 3-31 March 1920

10th Army: 31 March-18 April 1920

1st Cavalry Army: 18 April-19 May 1920

8th Army: 30 May-5 November 1919

9th Army: 16 June-28 October 1920

13th Army: 27 August-2 November 1920 (as 9th Krimskaya)

4th Army: 2 November 1920-24 April 1921

Kubanskaya Cavalry Division: (Lager 10th "Kubanskaya")

3rd Cavalry Corps/4th Army: 2 June-30 August 1920

3rd Army: 3 November 1919-15 January 1920

12th Army: 14 November-25 December 1920

(note: The entries for the 10th and 15th Cavalry Divisions appear
to have been confused and exchanged one for the other)

11th Cavalry Division: (Later 11th "Gomelskaya")

1st Cavalry Army: 17 November 1919-May 1921

12th Cavalry Division: (Later 18th "Labinskaya and then the
17th Kavkazskaya Gornaya Cavalry Division)

15th Army: 15 April -26 June 1920

3rd Cavalry Corps/4th Army: 25 June-30 August 1920

15th Army: 14 June-25 September 1920

3rd Army: 25 September-19 November 1920

16th Army: 12 November-31 December 1920

13th Cavalry Division: (Later 13th "Sibirskaya")

5th Army: 21 September-2 December 1919

14th "Maikopskaya Cavalry Division:

1st Cavalry Army: 20 January 1920-13 October 1923

14th "Sibirskaya" Cavalry Division: (Formerly 1st
Zapadnosibirskaya)

15th Army: 15 April-26 June 1920

3rd Cavalry Corps/4th Army: 25 June-30 August 1920

15th Army: 14 June-25 September 1920

3rd Army: 25 September-19 November 1920
16th Army: 12 November-31 December 1920

16th Cavalry Division: (Formerly Separate Cavalry Division,
8th Army)

8th Army: 6 November 1919-10 April 1920
9th Army: 7 April -29 June 1920
12th Army: 1-16 July 1920
2nd Cavalry Army: 16 July-6 December 1920
9th Army: 8 January-7 February 1921
10th Army: 13 March-11 May 1921

17th Cavalry Division/12th Army:
12th Army: 10 February-18 May 1920

17th "Chervonnogo Kazachevsta" Cavalry Division: (Formerly
2nd "Chernigovskaya Chervonnogo Kazachevsta" Cavalry
Division)

4th Army: 30 August-10 October 1920
12th Army: 11-13 October 1920
14th Army: 26 October-31 December 1920

18th Cavalry Division: (Formerly Kur'shko Separate Cavalry
Division)

10th Army: 22 March-12 April 1920
11th Army: 12 April 1920-14 May 1921

19th Cavalry Division:

1st Cavalry Army: 29 January-14 April 1921

20th Cavalry Division: (Formerly 1st Cavalry Division)
2nd Cavalry Army: 16 July-6 September 1920

21st Cavalry Division: (Formerly 2nd Cavalry Division)
2nd Cavalry Army: 16 July-6 December 1921
9th Army: 12 January-10 March 1921
11th Army: 10-26 March 1921

1st Kavkazskaya Krasnaya Cavalry Division:

10th Army: December 1919-17 September 1920
1st Cavalry Army: 3-31 March 1920
1st Cavalry Army: 18-28 April 1920
9th Army: 28 April-7 September 1920

2nd Kavkazskaya Cavalry Division:
10th Army: 25 May-28 October 1920

Kirgizskaya Cavalry Division:

4th Army: 10 July-25 August 1919

Konnaya [the Cavalry] Division: (Became 3rd Cavalry Division,
and later the 3rd "Turkestanakaya Cavalry Division")
Turkestanakaya Army: 24 April-16 June 1919

1st Turkestanaskaya Cavalry Division:
1st Army: 26 October 1919-4 August 1920

2nd Turkestanaskaya Cavalry Division:
1st Army: 26 October 1919-25 February 1920
4th Army: 25 February-4 July 1920
4th Army: 19 March-18 April 1921

5th Turkestanaskaya Cavalry Division:
1st Army: 26 October 1919-15 July 1920

1st Gorno-Altayskaya Division: (Later Gorno-Konnaya
[Mountain Cavalry] Division)
5th Army: 19 January-18 May 1920

Severo-Kubanskaya [North Kuban] Cavalry Division:
10th Army: October-November 1918

2nd Svodnaya Kazachaya Cavalry Division:
10th Army: October-4 December 1918

Svodnaya Cavalry Division:
5th Army: 3rd July-8 August 1919

Ekimova Cavalry Division:
1st Cavalry Army: 13 April-11 May 1920

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1st Irkutskaya Rifle Division: (Formerly Irkutsk Rifle Division)
PRA: 26 February-8 November 1920

2nd Irkutskaya Rifle Division: (Formerly Zabaikalskaya
Rifle Division)
PRA: 22 March-26 April 1920 (as Zabaikal Inf. Div)
PRA: 26 April-8 November 1920

2nd Zabaikalskaya Sovetskaya Rifle Division:
PRA: 27 April-10 July 1920

3rd Irkutskaya Rifle Division: (Became 3rd Sibirskaya
Rifle Division)
PRA: 26 February-4 May 1920
PRA: 5 May-13 August 1920 (as 3rd Sibirskaya)

1st Amurskaya Rifle Division: (Later 4th Blagoveshenskaya)
PRA: 12 July-8 November 1920

2nd Amurskaya Rifle Division: (Later Povstancheskaya, &
3rd Amurskaya Rifle Division)

PRA: 17 July-8 November 1920

Upon the conclusion of the 3rd Chita Operation (31 October 1920), the PRA reorganized its four rifle divisions into two armies, 1st Zabaikalskaya [Transbaikal] and 2nd Amurskaya. In the process the division remained:

1st Irkutskaya became 1st Chitinskaya
2nd Irkutskaya became 2nd Verkneudinskaya
1st Amurskaya became 4th Blagoveshenskaya
2nd Amurskaya became 3rd Amurskaya

1st Chitinskaya Rifle Division:

1st Zabaikalskaya Army: 8 November 1920-10 July 1921

2nd Verkneudinskaya Rifle Division:

1st Zabaikalskaya Army: 8 November 1920-10 July 1921

3rd Amurskaya Rifle Division:

1st Zabaikalskaya Army: 8 November 1920-10 July 1921

4th Blagoveshenskaya Rifle Division:

2nd Amurskaya Army: 26 July-21 September 1921

1st Zabaikalskaya Rifle Division (2nd Formation - later 1st Tiko-Okeanskaya [Pacific Ocean] Rifle Div.)

2nd Amurskaya Army: 20 July-22 November 1922

2nd Priamurskaya Rifle Division: (Formerly Svodnaya Division)

2nd Amurskaya Army: - to 20 July 1922 as Svodnaya Division

2nd Amurskaya Army: 2 May-22 November 1922

1st Amurskaya Cavalry Division: (Later Amurskaya Separate Cavalry Brigade)

2nd Amurskaya Army: 25 June-8 November 1922

1st Zabaikalskaya Cavalry division: (Former Zabaikal Independent Cavalry Brigade)

2nd Amurskaya Army: 19 July 1920-10 July 1921

2nd Amurskaya Army: 27 December 1921-24 July 1922